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## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING

Saturday, 17th April, 1948

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through numbers (10 Races—\$20) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the last race as well as those for the "Lantau Handicap" to be run at the Whitsun Meeting in May, 1948. The latter may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

**MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE**  
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.  
**NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE**

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all charges. Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptrol Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Office of the Club will close at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

**NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.**

**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE**  
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.  
Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

**SERVANTS' PASSSES**  
Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted to leave the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties but must remain in their assigned stands.

## H.K. Visitors At Colonial Office

Mr. D. R. Rees-Williams, M.P., Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies recently welcomed four visitors from Hong Kong at the Colonial Office. They were: Mrs. Yeoh Wai-han, B.A., of the Hong Kong Social Welfare Council, Mr. Li Hon-ki, Stationmaster, Mr. Goh Kong-hoo, a Post Office official, and Mr. Hubert Lai, Assistant Secretary of the Hong Kong Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association.

## Coolie Yielded To Temptation

Inability to resist the temptation to "try his luck" landed Chan Hup, 34-year-old coolie "with a clear record and of good character," before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday charged with fraudulent conversion of \$670 on April 9.

On defendant undertaking to replace the amount lost (\$50), the Magistrate sentenced him to six weeks' hard labour.

According to D.C. Sub-Inspector Waldron, defendant was employed by Chan Wan-yun of the Kowloon Godowns as a coolie. For some time past, complainant had been entrusting defendant with money to pay to the Talkou agent in rent.

On April 9, complainant gave Chan Hup for the Talkou Godowns, in Canton Road, defendant saw a party of coolies gambling and could not resist the temptation of trying his luck.

He lost \$50 of his master's money, became frightened, and decided to abscond with the balance. As the remainder of the money would be too bulky to carry, he decided to sell and purchase two gold rings and a suit of Chinese clothing.

### Changed Clothes

He took a bus to Tsun Wan where he went down to the beach and changed into the new clothes. He was seen by a Police officer, questioned, and taken back to the Police Station where the whole story came out.

The amount recovered, said DSI Waldron, was \$456.10 in cash, the gold rings and the new suit of clothing, totalling approximately \$220.

Concluding, DSI Waldron said that defendant had a clear record and a good character, and that the present offence was only a temporary lapse.

Agreeing with the prosecution officer that it was just "yielding to temptation," Mr. Latimer said that he must, however, send accused to prison "as otherwise we will have a shoal of this yielding-to-temptation cases."

## Black Ticketeers Arrested

A raid on four cinema houses at Kowloon between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. on April 13 by Inspector J. F. Mugford of the Tax Office resulted in the arrest of nine men and one woman for failing to purchase admission tickets.

Charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday, Leung Wing-cheng (24), married woman, and Chan Mui-chai (43) broker, were fined \$25 each. They were found inside Kwong Ming Theatre.

Chan Po (30), Li Lin (22), Li Fo (23), Chan Shuen (23), Leung Wing (19), Leung So (23), Lo Wing-fai (19) and Li Leung (28), were fined \$40 each by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr.

First defendant was arrested at the Ming Sing Theatre, second and third at the Prince's Theatre, and the remainder at the Mong Kok Theatre.

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They are on a six-weeks' visit to England sponsored by the British Council, to obtain a general impression of life and conditions in the United Kingdom.

Mrs. Yeoh Wai-han, who is a graduate of Hong Kong University, is Senior Case Worker on the Social Welfare Council.

Mr. Li Hon-ki entered the railway service in 1930 as a probationer and won his way to promotion to Stationmaster through the grades of Ticket Booking Clerk and Goods Clerk.

Mr. Goh Kong-hoo entered the postal service in 1935 as a probationer sorter. He is now in charge of the Postal Restante and Enquiries Department and is engaged on the revision of the Hong Kong Postal Guide. He was educated at St. Xavier's Institution, Penang.

Mr. Hubert Lai was educated at the Diocesan Boys' School. Before becoming actively associated with youth welfare work, he was articled to a firm of architects.

After being welcomed to the Colonial Office by Mr. Rees-Williams, the visitors were introduced to members of the Eastern Department of the Office.

## Landlord-Tenant Bill Change

Appeals against the decision of a tenancy tribunal will in future be limited to only one Court, except in exceptional circumstances, if the Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Ordinance 1948, which passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday, is enacted.

The amending Ordinance also provides for the constitution of one-man Tenancy Tribunals to hear tenancy disputes.

The object of the Bill, explained the Attorney-General (Mr. J. B. Griffin), is to speed up the disposal of tenancy cases. He said:

"The Landlord and Tenant Ordinance 1947 was enacted last year. In the interval of time that has elapsed, practical experience in operation of the Ordinance has of course been obtained, and as a result proposals for the amendment of the Ordinance have been under consideration.

"The Bill before Council represents the amendments which it is considered should be made. The most important amendments are those which appear in clauses 4 and 5 of the Bill.

"Clause 4 amending section 26 of the Ordinance deals with the matter of appeals. At the present time an appeal is possible from the decision of a Tenancy Tribunal not only to the Court constituted by one judge but also beyond that to the Full Court.

"It is felt that the provision of such appeals has the effect of causing delay in the disposal of tenancy disputes, and thus the main objective of the legislation is likely to be defeated, such objective being that disputes should be expeditiously settled.

"The amendment for which clause 4 provides requires that in future there shall be only one appeal possible from the decision of a tenancy tribunal, that is, to the Full Court.

"But there is still a reservation that upon the certificate of a single judge that a point of law of exceptional importance to the public has emerged the appeal can go to the Full Court, notwithstanding that there has already been an appeal to a single judge.

"Clause 5 seeks to amend section 28 of the principal Ordinance, which deals with the constitution of tenancy tribunals.

### Pressure Of Work

"As honourable members are aware, excellent work has been done by these tribunals in recent years. For a long time that work fell upon a comparatively small number of people on the panel from which tenancy tribunals can be constituted. Recently that number has been reinforced by the addition of a number of persons who have public-spiritedly volunteered for service on the tribunals.

"I will confine myself to putting two questions:

1. In the country from which "Simple Simon" comes, to live amidst "the wholesale corruption, profiteering, oppression and of the disgraceful street scene which form part and parcel of life in this Colony," a country where "people do not merely pay lip-service to democracy but practice it," and where "every man, be he black or white, is paid union wages and works union hours, education is compulsory and free, old-age pensions and other benefits are paid to its citizens, irrespective as to race, colour or creed—in that Utopian country, is unrestricted Asiatic (or to be more specific Chinese) immigration permitted?
2. If the know of Chinese immigrants in the years 1946 and 1947 had been approximately equivalent to 100 per cent of the population of V.I. Day, would these Utopian conditions still be maintained?

I am, Sir, very much obliged to you for your kind remarks.

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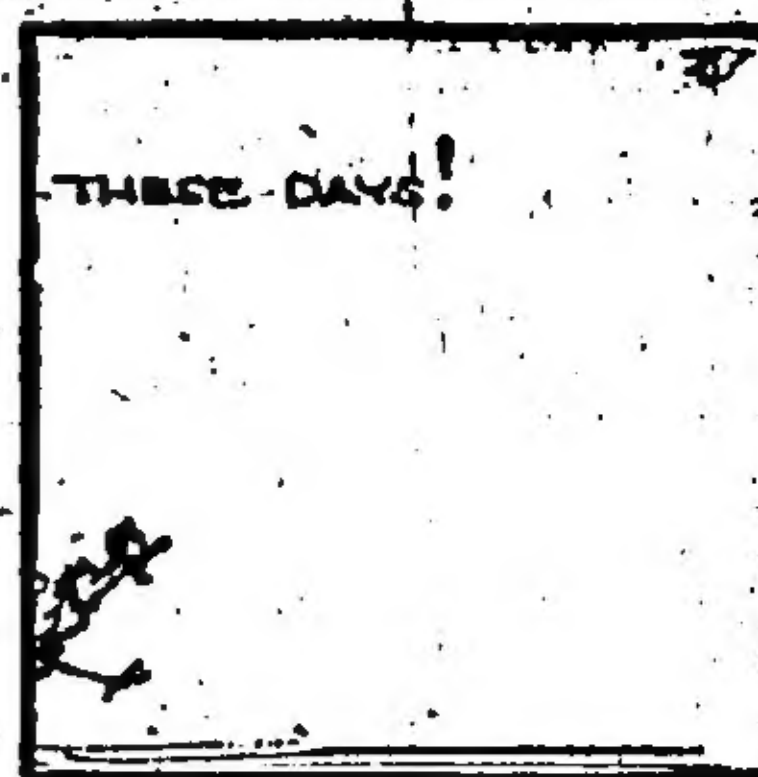
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## Crown Rent Acceptance A "Temporary Waiver"

### Desmond Parker

Condition of Aircraftman Desmond Parker, who is ill in the British Military Hospital, Hong Kong, has rapidly improved since his sister arrived from England last Thursday to visit him.

It is understood that his sister, Mrs. Sylvia Flynn, of Woolley Terrace, Crook, County Durham, will be returning to England shortly, either by air or by the troopship "Lancashire" leaving Hong Kong about the end of the month.

Government is preserving its legal rights for the endorsement of covenants to repair and maintain buildings on war-damaged sites, and its continued acceptance of Crown Rent can only be construed as a temporary waiver.

This announcement of Government policy was made public when the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. D. M. MacDougall, C.M.G.) replied to questions put by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo in Legislative Council yesterday.

Mr. Lo asked whether Crown Rent is being collected on war-damaged properties, whether Government had decided to waive the performance of the usual covenant to repair and maintain such properties in view of hardships suffered by owners as a result of the war, and if Government's answer to the second question is in the negative whether the question of waiver within the terms of reference of the Committee set up to make recommendations on War-Damaged Sites.

Government's answer to the first question was in the affirmative, and to the second in the negative; and in amplification thereof the Colonial Secretary said:

"In view of the importance of the matter the following statement is made in elaboration of the answers given:

**Present Position**  
"Shortly after the liberation of the Colony the usual demand notes for Crown rent were sent out to all Crown lessees irrespective of whether or not war damage had been incurred. In law such damage does not relieve the lessee from his liability to pay rent nor from his liability under the usual covenants to repair and maintain any buildings comprised in or subsequently built on the premises leased.

"It must not be assumed, however, that in taking such action Government has prejudged the issue one way or the other. In fact Government has been considering the whole question mainly on the lines of public health and rehabilitation, though it cannot of course ignore that the contractual relationship of landlord and tenant exists between the Crown and the Crown lessee. In view of the fact that the breaches of the usual covenants are continuing the acceptance by Government of Crown rent could not be construed as anything more than a temporary waiver, i.e. a waiver of breaches up to the time when rent was the time of the breaches.

"In this connection it is important to note that a survey of damaged property has only recently been completed, and that this may prove to be incomplete or inaccurate.

"In order, however, to preserve its legal rights Government does not propose to demand or accept Crown rent from those Crown lessees who have to its knowledge taken no steps to repair or clear sites. Such lessees should accordingly clearly understand that such action is equivalent to a notification that there are breaches of covenant in respect of which Government is preserving its legal rights.

**No Decision**  
"Government however has not yet decided, although various alternatives have been explored and considered, what a fair and practical solution to the problem would be.

"It appears likely that special legislation will have to be enacted, but Government is

awaiting the recommendations of a Committee, though primarily directed to the clearance of war damaged sites which must naturally have priority, necessarily include the wider question of whether, and if so when and in what manner and with what modifications, remedy the breaches of the covenants contained in their respective leases. The Chairman of the Committee has already received directions to this effect."

Introducing the Bill the Attorney-General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) said the Jury Ordinance 1937 was amended in 1947 enabling persons to be added to the jury list after a list had been settled, by reason of which it was no longer essential for a new list of special and common jurors to be settled every year.

A considerable saving yearly of labour and expense in publication and in Gazette space would result from the Governor exercising the power conferred upon him under the new Ordinance.

The motion was seconded by the Colonial Secretary and unanimously approved.

### DEATH

POTTER — At the Hong Kong Sanatorium, LENNOX, dearly loved wife of Eldon Potter and mother of Paul, Pamela and Patricia. The funeral will leave the Monument at 5.30 p.m. today and friends sending flowers are requested to send them direct to the Cemetery.



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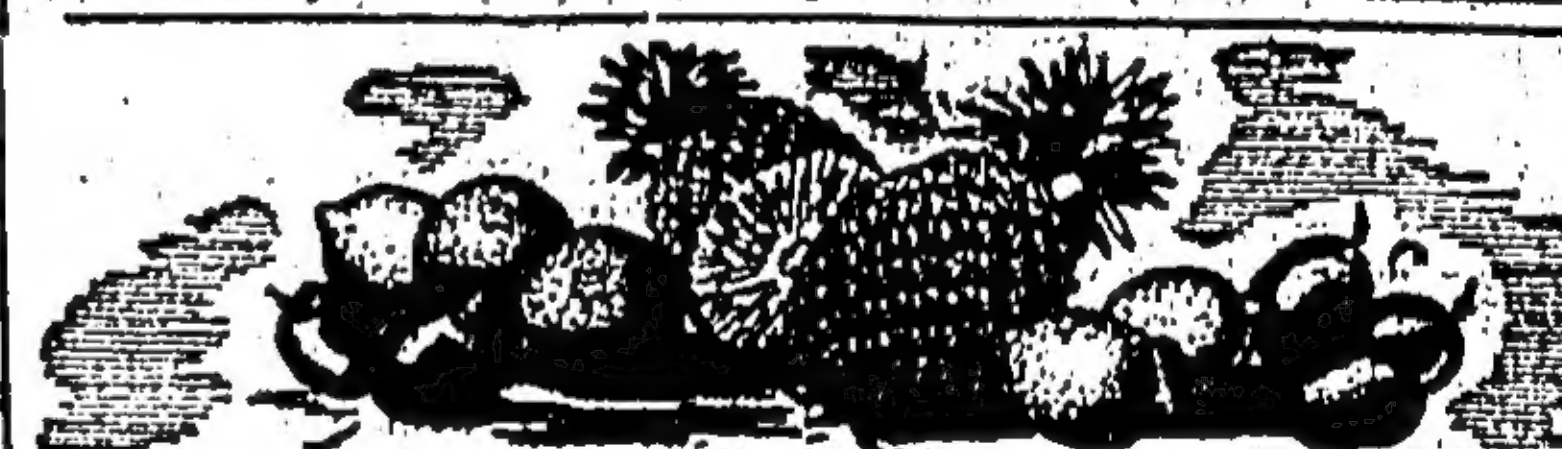
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## Reminders

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Annual general meeting of Dairy Farm, Ltd. Gold Star, 11 a.m.  
Annual Meeting, New Asiatic Chemical Works, Ltd. Exchange Bldg., 6 p.m.

H.K. Light Orchestra 27B, Robinson Road.  
Theatre Party by Younger Set, European YMCA.

Y's Men's Club meeting at Catholic Club, Queen's Rd. Central, 7 p.m.

**Continuing Events**  
**TOMORROW**  
Talk on "Child Welfare and Youth Work in Hong Kong" by J.C. McDonald, at Y.C.C. Club, 1000 House, 6 p.m.

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## Potential Source Of Cholera

The premises used by Mok Yuk as a food factory at 410 Portland Street, ground floor, were so filthy that grease and dirt could be scraped off the floors, said Health Inspector Chan Man-yuk when Mok was summoned before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday for failing to keep the tables and implements in a clean condition.

H.I. Chan said that when he visited the premises on March 11, he found them in a very dirty and filthy condition. Not only could grease and dirt be scraped off the floors but the tables and utensils used in the preparation of food appeared as if they had not been cleaned for several days.

Furthermore, said H. I. Chan, disused mosquito nets, clothing and rubber slippers were found accumulated in the rear portion of the workroom.

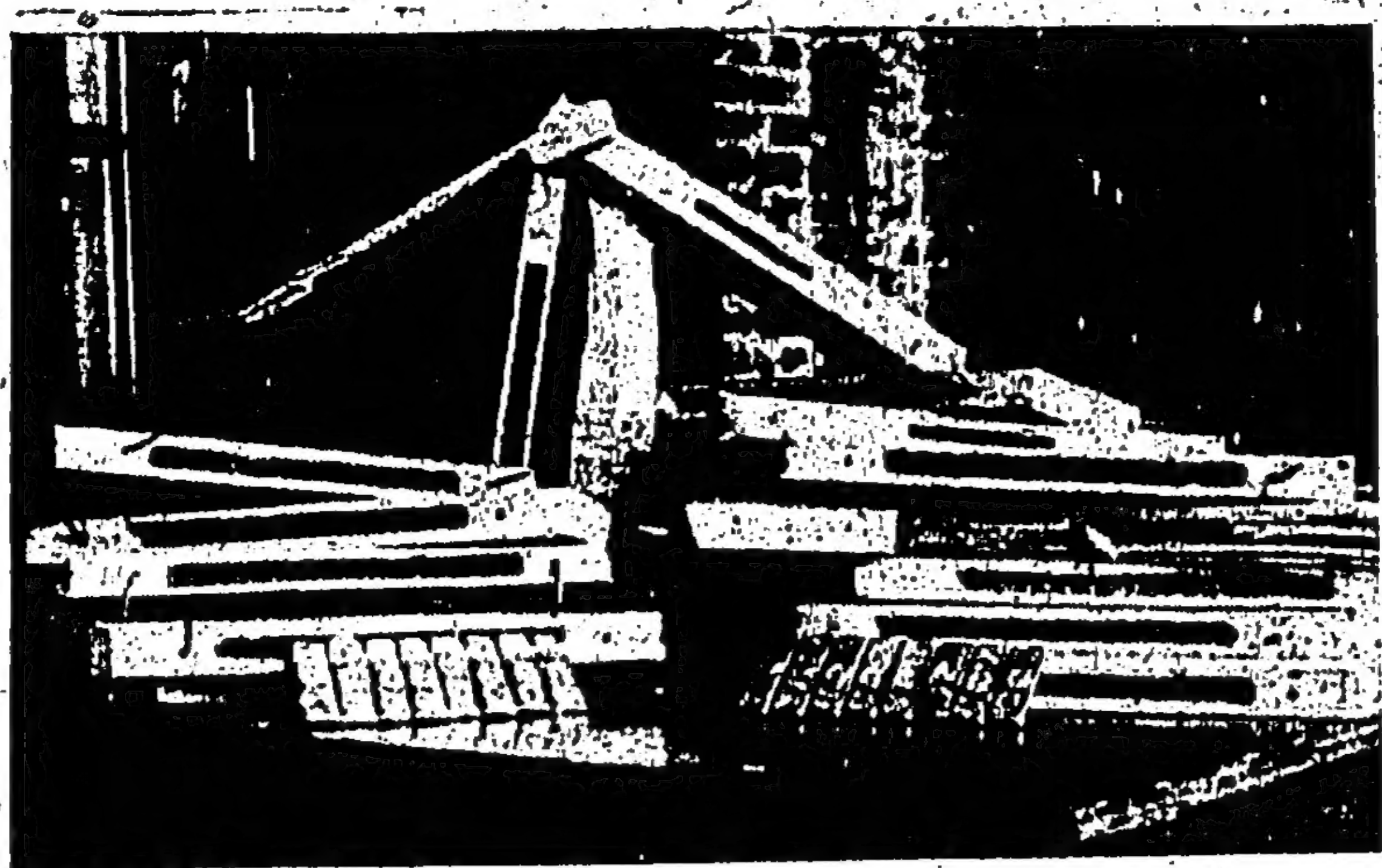
Defendant pleaded that he was absent from the Colony at that time but left instructions to his wife to clean the place every day.

"It's people like you who start cholera," said Mr. F.X. d'Almada in imposing the maximum penalty of \$500 or three months' hard labour.

### "VERY SERIOUS OFFENCE"

"I will not give you the option of a fine and you must go to prison. It is a very serious offence and cannot be dealt with leniently," said Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday when Kwok Sin, 31, appeared on a charge of hawking food (fresh fish) in Canal Road. He was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

Another two hawkers were each sentenced to five weeks' hard labour for hawking fresh fish in Electric Road.



## \$25,000 Worth Of Gold Bars In TAA Plane

Gold bars valued at \$25,000 were found inside the hollowed-out sides of wooden boxes supposed to contain tooth-brushes, according to the manifest of a T.A.A. plane which was stopped as it was about to take off for Bangkok by Revenue Officers under S.R.O. Humphreys.

At the Central Magistrate's Court yesterday the gold was confiscated to the Crown by Mr. F.X. d'Almada when Chan Kit-ye appeared before him on a charge of exporting gold without a licence from the I. and E. Department. On a further charge of attempting to export foreign currency defendant was fined \$100.

S.R.O. Humphreys, outlining the case, said that on information received he went with a party of other Revenue Officers to Kai Tak Air Field and stopped a T.A.A. Plane from taking off for Bangkok.

He examined the plane's manifest and ordered that four boxes of "tooth brushes" be removed and searched. When the boxes were broken open it was found that besides the tooth brushes, hidden in hollowed-out sides of the boxes were 16 gold bars which were packed with plaster.

He did not press for the confiscation of the notes but he had been instructed to press for the confiscation of the gold as it appeared to be a definite case of smuggling out of the Colony.

Mr. Hin Shing Lo, for the defendant pleaded "guilty" to both charges and said that his client was not trying to smuggle gold out of the Colony, as Mr. Humphreys had suggested, but was only trying to protect it from being stolen on the way to Bangkok.

He was trying to begin business again after the war and was sending the gold to pay for goods which he wanted sent back to the Colony for him.

Mr. d'Almada pointed out to defendant that he could not let crime go unpunished and that he was exporting gold without a licence. He could not make an exception in defendant's case.

As the Prosecution were not pressing for the confiscation of the plaster they were returned to the accused. An order was also made for the tooth brushes to be returned.

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It was estimated that with the admission of civil servants of Chinese race the membership will increase to 250.

About \$70,000 will be required to revive the Club. Most of this amount will be taken up by rehabilitating the Club-house at Happy Valley.

### Luis Chan Exhibition

The Hong Kong Working Artists' Guild is preparing an exhibition of recent oil paintings and water colours by the well-known local artist, Mr. Luis Chan, which will be held early next month at the St. Francis Hotel.

The Exhibition will be Mr. Chan's seventh one-man show in the Colony and will comprise approximately 70 exhibits, mostly water colours, for which he is renowned.

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### Exit Doors, Staircases Blocked

A fire at the Hong Kong Rubber Manufactory Ltd., K.L.B. 4039, Tam Kung Road, on March 3 led to the appearance of the manager before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Pleading guilty to causing an obstruction of the fire escapes by (a) locking four exit doors, and (b) blocking the staircases with beds, etc., defendant was fined a total of \$1,000.

According to Mr. V. C. Bond, Labour Officer, when the premises were inspected after the fire on March 3 the doors of four exits were found locked, and the staircases obstructed by beds and other things.

Defendant was warned on March 10 but on the premises being visited on March 15, found to have done nothing about the matter.

The remaining fire escapes, said Mr. Bond, would not have been of much use in case of a panic.

## Foreigners In Communist Territory

Tientsin, Apr. 14. Thirteen foreigners—nine Russians, one American, one Austrian, one Czech and one Italian—are among 545 passengers stranded in Communist-controlled Yungchong territory, eastward of Weihaiwei, after the grounding and foundering of the Chinese freighter "Wan Lee" off Shantung Promontory, the ship's owners revealed in Tientsin today.

United States and Chinese warships are reported to have arrived off Weihaiwei but have not yet contacted any of the passengers, whose fate and whereabouts are unknown.—Reuter.

## Firemen Couldn't Get In

When the Fire Officers arrived at the Mau Ming Co., 75 Nan Chang Street, first floor, in response to a fire alarm on March 19 they were prevented from entering the floor and had to break in the doors.

On entering the premises they found the folks busily engaged in covering some goods with gunny sacks. When they hooked a sack covering a drum the firemen were met with a sudden burst of flame, and several of the men were injured.

Investigations revealed the presence of 120 lbs. of sodium nitrate, 80 lbs. of cyanide, 24 gallons of acetone, four gallons of petrol, 32 lbs. of liquid ammonia, and 140 lbs. calcium carbide.

When Poon Mau-tung appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr on five summonses respecting possession of these dangerous goods without a permit, Acting Div. Officer V. C. Seymour pointed out that they are in the high category of dangerous goods and could easily cause a considerable amount of damage especially in a Chinese tenement house with wooden floors.

The premises, he added, were used as a laboratory for conducting experiments. Defendant was fined \$500 and the goods confiscated.

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## Petrol Carried On Tricycle

"The Fire Brigade is trying to stamp out this practice," said Acting Div. Officer V. C. Seymour when Wang Kau-kee appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday for possession of 10 1/2-gallon tins of gasoline at the junction of Nathan Road and Waterloo Road on March 13.

D.O. Seymour said that defendant was conveying the gasoline, the tins of which did not bear any labels, by tricycle. The Fire Brigade is trying to stamp out this practice, he said, as it is highly dangerous for this type of goods to be moved about without the containers bearing labels of the contents.

Defendant, said D.O. Seymour, had been warned several times but had no previous convictions. Imposing a fine of \$250, the Magistrate ordered the gasoline to be confiscated.

Amendments made by the Urban Council on March 10 under the Public Health (Food) Ordinance 1935 governing milk shops and dairies, were approved by Legislative Council yesterday. Dr. G. H. Thomas, the Acting Director of Medical Services, was sworn in as a member of Council.

### POST OFFICE

#### Outward Mails

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the Ordinary Mail. If Mail close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel will close at 2 p.m. on previous day.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15  
Closing Times By Air  
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Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 2 p.m., (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.  
Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, (Reg.) 2 p.m., (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.  
Airmail for Moscow, (Reg.) 2 p.m., (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train  
Macao, Tientsin and Shihki, 5 a.m.  
Bandahan, 10 a.m.  
Haigon, 10 a.m.  
Formosa via Keelung and Shanghai, 10 a.m.  
Macao, Tientsin and Shihki, 2 p.m.  
Canton (2nd class mail only), 2 p.m.  
Manila, Macassar, Sourabaya, Batavia, 5 p.m.  
Macao, Tientsin and Shihki, 4 p.m.  
Kongmoon, 5 p.m.  
Canton (Parcels and 2nd class mail), 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16  
Closing Times By Air  
Canton, (Kowloon C.P.O.) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2 p.m.; (G.P.O.) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2.30 p.m.  
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Swatow and Bangkok, Noon.  
Macao, Tientsin and Shihki, 2 p.m.  
Canton (2nd class mail only), 2 p.m.  
Amoy and Foochow, 2 p.m.  
Batavia, Ceylon, East and South Africa, 2 p.m.  
Tientsin and Haiphong, 2 p.m.  
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# ARMY CONTROLS BOGOTA

## Police Rebels Surrender To Tanks

### Russian Agents Arrested

Bogota, Apr. 13.

Fresh outbursts of shooting were heard outside the U.S. Embassy late today soon after it was voted to resume the Pan-American Conference in this revolt-battered capital.

The nature of the new outbreak of gunfire was not determined immediately. The Colombian Army has been in complete control of Bogota all day and the shooting was the first heard anywhere in the city during the day.

Six hundred rebellious Bogota police surrendered to Army forces, backed by tanks and armoured cars, after holding out for four days in the northern district of the city.

Colombian Army officers disclosed today that the main work of quelling the uprising was done by the Bogota garrison, comprising youths aged 18 to 20 who were recruited for training only two months ago. The officers said the garrison performed valiantly.

The Government radio announced three times yesterday that a break with Russia had occurred, but it now appears that the Government is hesitating to make a formal diplomatic breach. Informal sources had no doubt that break would occur.

President Mariano Ospina Perez blamed international Communists for the rioting, looting and death which swept the city.

The Government announced the arrest of two unidentified Russian agents "with documents." Estimates of the dead were from 350 to 800. There never will be a definite figure because the "unidentified" dead were buried in a mass grave. Colombians seem stunned at the ravaged capital.

Top delegates to the Inter-American conference formally resolved to continue sessions in Bogota. The resolution was seen as serving notice to the Communists that the Pan-American system would continue to work.

**Air Evacuations**

The Secretary of State (Mr. George Marshall) reported to the State Department that four American Army planes yesterday evacuated 77 people from Bogota to Panama.

In a telephone conversation with the Acting Secretary of State (Mr. Robert Lovett), Mr. Marshall said two Army planes were standing by today at Bogota airport to evacuate any others who might want to leave the strife-ridden capital.

Bogota, Apr. 13.

International Communism has made its first major post-war effort in the Western Hemisphere and has failed.

That is the verdict of Mr. George Marshall, the American Secretary of State, and the American delegation attending

**BARCLAY ON BRIDGE**

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**SILODOR LEADS NATION**

With a clear-cut margin over any contender, Sidney Silodor of Philadelphia, ranks at the top among all the national championship players for the season just completed. Among the thousands of hopefuls who fared forth to compete in the fourteen national title events, he is the only one who managed to win two of the championships and gain second place in two others. That puts him indisputably in the No. 1 spot on our annual list of The First Ten in Contract Bridge for the seventeenth season this ranking has been compiled.

Another Philadelphia gained second place, John R. Crawford, A. New York. Mitchell Barnes, finished third. Fourth is Mrs. Wilkinson Wagar, Atlanta, Georgia, who led everybody in the last season, and fifth is a present resident of New York, Alvin Roth, who lived in Washington, D. C., when he began to win national events. Thus the list is more representative geographically than for a long time, so far as the first five are concerned. Here is the full list:

1. Sidney Silodor, Philadelphia.
2. John R. Crawford, Philadelphia.
3. Mitchell Barnes, New York.
4. Mrs. Wilkinson Wagar, Atlanta.
5. Alvin Roth, Washington, D. C.
6. Mrs. E. J. Seligman, New York.
7. Mrs. Ralph C. Young, Philadelphia.
8. Sam Katz, Millburn, N. J.
9. Bertram Labhar, Jr., New York.
10. (Tied) Mrs. J. E. Collins, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. A. M. Sobel, New York; and Waldemar von Zedtwitz, New York.

The players in second and third place each won two events and finished second in two. Both of Mr. Crawford's wins, however, were in open events—the "knock-out" tournament for the Harold S. Vanderbilt Trophy, and the

"match point" teams of four, whereas one of the triumphs by Mr. Barnes was in a strictly open contest, the men's pairs, from which women obviously were barred.

Those landing fourth-fifth, sixth and seventh had two wins apiece with no seconds. Mrs. Wagar's victories were in the masters' teams of four and women's pairs. Mr. Roth's in the open fours and mixed pairs. Mrs. Seligman's in the open match-point teams and women's pairs and Mrs. Young's in the women's pairs and teams. So, on the basis of the relative difficulty of the competition, they were ranked as stated.

Messrs. Katz and Labhar, treasurer of the American Contract Bridge League, had identical records as teammates, winning in the masters' mixed fours for the Shepard Barclay Trophy and being runners-up in the Vanderbilt Cup open knockout fours, but Mr. Katz scored highest in other events than Mr. Labhar. The three tied for tenth had one second each.

The fourteen events counted are all under official auspices of the American Contract Bridge League, and their locale was spread from New York and Chicago to Florida and California. There were four masters' events, limited to players with high performance records—individual, pairs, fours and mixed fours made up of two men and two women pairs; four opens—individual, pairs, knockout fours and match point (four men's pairs and four men's pairs and four men and open mixed pairs and fours.

The next season, on which these rankings are based, will begin Friday with the first session of the individual masters' championship in New York.

Tomorrow's Question—What are the two reasons why it is unwise to lead your suit's fourth-best against a "No Trump" game when able to make a sound lead of an honour?

## ALL AS USUAL IN BERLIN

Berlin, Apr. 13.

The four-power Allied Commandature, which rules Berlin, ended its session to-night after sitting for 11 hours.

Today's meeting took place in a "normal atmosphere," a British spokesman said to-night.—Reuter.

## U.S. Truce Plan For Palestine

New York, Apr. 13.

An immediate cease fire and a standstill of all political activities are the main points of the truce plan for Palestine proposed by the United States today, it was learned here.

In a private meeting with the President of the Security Council, Dr. Alfonso Lopez, Mr. Warren Austin presented the following three main points:

- 1.—Cessation of all military activities and acts of violence immediately.
- 2.—The establishment by the Security Council of a truce commission which would go to Palestine and also on a 48-hour basis to set up a Jewish Government and the Arab League would, in effect, also be told not to proceed with its reported plans to create an independent Arab Palestine Government.—Reuter.

A political standstill means, in the view of observers here, that the Jews would be ordered by the Council to stop their plans to set up a Jewish Government and the Arab League would, in effect, also be told not to proceed with its reported plans to create an independent Arab Palestine Government.—Reuter.

## RADIO

EBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 840 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m., and from 6.00 to 11.00 p.m. and also on 418 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.30, 6.30 to 7.30 and 8.00 to 11.00 p.m.

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12.30 a.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.35 p.m.—Eugen Wolf and His Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Patricia Remondou (Piano) and Robinson Cleaver (Organ).

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—"From the Show."

1.40 p.m.—Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—Caldera Story: "Peter Duck" by Arthur Besenmeier Episode 121.

"Bill finds his place" Read by Captain Pitt. (Studio).

6.30 p.m.—La Demi-Heure Francophone (Studio).

7.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

7.15 p.m.—"ITV" with Tommy Handley (BBC).

7.45 p.m.—"Thursday Bernadette" by Arthur Besenmeier Episode 121.

8.15 p.m.—Dance to Chapple D'Amato and His Orchestra.

8.30 p.m.—Dance to Chapple D'Amato and His Orchestra.

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9.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

9.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.30 p.m.—Book Reviews: G.H. Endicott (Studio).

9.45 p.m.—Piano Recital by Harry Ore (Studio).

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Barabas Von Gorr and His Orchestra.

10.30 p.m.—Dance to Chapple D'Amato and His Orchestra.

10.45 p.m.—Dance to Chapple D'Amato and His Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

## Emergency Defence Programme

Washington, Apr. 13.

A surprise request for an advance of \$2,376,100,000 from next year's military funds for an emergency warplane and guided missiles programme was quickly approved by a Congress Appropriations committee today.

The committee's secret hearing today is expected to cover only a \$725 million increase in the aviation funds requested by President Truman last Thursday, but the White House followed that with a second request which remained a secret until today.

The fund is expected to be approved in the House of Representatives tomorrow.

The committee said the amount should be made available immediately to save time and get the aviation industry in full operation.

Funds to be advanced for the new air force expenditure includes \$140 million for plane buying and \$10,300,000 for controlled missiles.

The Navy expenditure includes \$738,700,000 for plane buying and \$9,300,000 for pilotless aircraft.—Reuter.

## ANGLO-AMERICAN TALKS

Frankfurt, Apr. 13.

General Sir Brian Robertson, the British Military Governor in Germany, arrived in Frankfurt from Berlin today by plane for consultations tomorrow with his American opposite number, General Lucius D. Clay, and with officials of the Bizone.

General Clay, who arrived in Frankfurt last night, has arranged a round-table meeting, in which the bipartite control group and the Bizone Economic Council will participate.—Reuter.

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## THE BERLIN SITUATION

The happenings of the last fortnight in and around Berlin have stood out from the general international picture because of their dramatic quality.

Marshal Sokolovsky's exit from the Control Council, Russian attempts to board British and American military trains, the setting up for a few hours of road barriers between the Soviet and Western sectors of the city and, finally, the tragedy of the plane crash at Gatow. All these things have caught the imagination and made headlines.

That means inevitably that their importance has been exaggerated—or rather wrongly assessed. In themselves they are each one of them less serious than they have seemed at the moment. But taken together and seen against a wider background they have a significance which it would be hard to over-estimate.

For Soviet truculence in Berlin links with Soviet pressure on Finland, with the Soviet notes to Persia, with the return of the Soviet Ambassador to Ankara, with the Soviet-inspired Communist campaign in the Italian elections. They are all part and parcel of a single process: the continuing effort of the rulers of the Soviet Union to extend their sphere of influence, to increase territory over which, directly or indirectly, they exercise control and in which Soviet authority is paramount.

That is the predominant factor in all world politics today—this desire in Moscow for expansion—for expansion of power.

Motives, as always in human affairs, are mixed. There is in them an element of the genuine Communist belief that the Soviet system provides a better life for the ordinary man and woman. It is hard for any one who has seen the living conditions of Russian workers and the vast widening social and economic gap between them and the privileged classes to understand how that belief can be genuine. But it is genuine and it is strengthened by the auto-intoxication of ceaseless propaganda.

There is one element not to be under-estimated, that of the old Russian imperialism. There is at the moment a strong element of pan-Slavism—though this should be anathema to any orthodox Communist. There is the element of the desire for security. The old military illusion that you can achieve security by advancing your frontiers still has a hold on Russian thought.

But though the motives are mixed their result is the same. There is outward pressure along the whole periphery of the Soviet sphere of influence. It varies in form and intensity. But it is always there.

Yet—and this is not violent but cautious pressure. It seeks to avoid sharp, dangerous conflicts. It seeks to achieve expansion not so much by its own force as by reason of the weakness and collapse on the other side of the line. And every effort is made to pro-

## Quite A Ferment In The Balkans

He regards the whole Italian problem as a gigantic example of swiftness and realises clearly that we must exert every effort to master it. But he also considers that one never knows what the consequences will be in the long run. Something that today looks like a misfortune may possibly prove a great boon tomorrow.

The news of the Italian treachery reached us first via a London broadcast, an occurrence that undoubtedly is unique and without precedent in history.

Exactly as we imagined, and suspected, surrender negotiations had been going on for a long time.

The Fuehrer immediately drew the right conclusions as regards the Royal Family and had Prince Philip of Hesse arrested in G.H.Q. that very night.

He was transferred to Gestapo headquarters at Koenigsberg. He was very much surprised at being put under arrest; he had not thought such a thing possible.

He must be held in custody in any case for reasons of State policy, for he has found out so much during the weeks he has been at G.H.Q. that he might become very dangerous.

Up to this hour the Duce's whereabouts are unknown.

The Italian Fleet has partly left its anchorage. The Fuehrer fears it may be on its way to the English. Unfortunately our submarines arrived in the port of Spezia too late. Their assignment was to torpedo a part of the fleet.

Now the Luftwaffe has been given that task, and will undoubtedly smash a few vessels.

## Apennine Line

The Fuehrer believes he will master the situation, albeit with some difficulty. We must with-

duce weakness and collapse by two means—by the subversive undermining actions of the Communist parties and by a war of nerves and menaces meant to create anxiety and the desire for appeasement at all costs.

This is the clear purpose of repeated incidents in Berlin. Not to provoke a collision—the last thing the Russians desire—but to arouse anxiety, to make continuous difficulties, to engender in the Western Allies a readiness to buy tranquillity by new concessions; either to evacuate Berlin as too troublesome to hold or to abandon their plans of reorganisation in the Western zones as the prize of remaining in Berlin.

The whole manoeuvre is a reconnaissance, a testing of the nerves and resolve of the Western powers. And when it fails to produce results it will be quietly called off before the situation has developed too dangerously.

Soviet pressure increases whenever and wherever it encounters weakness; diminishes at once when it encounters resistance—even from countries so weak as Persia or Finland. Soviet leaders, at any rate, at present do not mean to run any risks.

Finland is a typical case. Soviet diplomacy aimed at a treaty which would have reduced Finland to a status rather like that of the three Baltic Republics in the brief period between their signing treaties of alliance and their final incorporation in the Soviet Union. The Russian draft would have given the Soviet Government rights of military intervention in Finland whenever it chose to announce there was danger of aggression.

But when the Finns steadfastly refused any treaty conceived on these lines the Russians dropped their demands and accepted the Finnish draft which not only preserves Finland's rights to refuse Soviet "assistance" but explicitly records "Finland's desire to remain out of the conflict of interests of the Great Powers"—in other words, her resolve not to become a member of the "Soviet camp".

It is not, of course, the end. Russian pressure will be renewed in other forms. The elections this summer mark the danger point. There may be an attempt at an internal coup by Finnish Communists.

But the fact remains that a major Soviet diplomatic offensive—the effort to force yet another European country into the membership of the Soviet camp and into acceptance of satellite status—has been checked and stopped by quiet, determined resistance.

It is one of the most significant happenings of the year.



draw northward beyond Rome. We shall now establish ourselves on the defence line—that the Fuehrer always envisaged; namely, the line of the Apennine Mountains.

Things are in quite a ferment in the Balkans. The situation in Bulgaria is absolutely insecure. The Fuehrer told me that it must now be regarded as certain that King Boris was poisoned.

The German doctors have arrived at the conclusion that he was killed by snake poison. It is not yet known who mislaid the poison.

The German doctors wanted to perform an autopsy; the Bulgarian Government agreed, but the Royal Family refused. I would not regard it as impossible that the poisoning was engineered by the Italians.

The Fuehrer is somewhat worried lest the English now attempt an invasion in the West. While we have very strong lines of fortification there is behind them nothing but a thin veil of reserves.

Our endeavour must therefore be to beat back any invasion attempt by the English and the Americans at our very first blow. In no circumstances must they gain a footing. The Fuehrer is pretty hopeful about our chances.

The Fuehrer expects the Anglo-American invasion attempt to come in the Netherlands. We are weakest there, and the population would be most inclined to give the necessary local support to such an undertaking.

## Dutch Insolence

As everybody knows, the Dutch are the most insolent and obstreperous people in the entire West.

The exceptionally heavy bombing attacks which the English have launched against the West coast days are rather suspicious.

Can this be the prelude to an attempt at invasion? The fleet, too, has repeatedly come up close to the European western coast and started fireworks, but has then always left again.

We must wait and see. That gnaws at one's nerves, especially when one considers that we cannot face such a situation with absolute assurance and preparedness.

In addition, the situation in the East continues to be extremely critical. Nevertheless, the Fuehrer believes that he will succeed in mastering it.

It means, of course, that we shall have to withdraw a line lying far back. The retreat is taking place in a very orderly manner.

The depressing thing is that we haven't the faintest idea what Stalin has left in the way of reserves.

## Separate Peace

I asked the Fuehrer whether anything might be done with Stalin sooner or later. He said not for the moment. And, anyway, the Fuehrer believes it would be easier to make a deal with the English than with the Soviet. At a given moment, the Fuehrer believes the English would come to their senses. But I can't see that for the present.

Churchill is naturally pursuing imperialistic British aims in this war. The seizure of Sicily gives him a great advantage. Sicily will never be restored to the Italians, for Sicily, possibly with Calabria added, will absolutely guarantee English domination in the Mediterranean and render it secure for all time.

Undoubtedly the English will also snatch Sardinia and Corsica. If they can make their exit from that war with all this as booty,

they will have gained a good deal. The Fuehrer believes they will then possibly be amenable to some sort of arrangement. I am rather inclined to regard Stalin as more approachable, for Stalin is more of a practical politician than Churchill.

Churchill is a romantic adventurer with whom one can't talk sensibly.

The Fuehrer is rather more hopeful about air warfare. He believes we shall regain mastery in two or three months.

Our defensive power has increased extraordinarily in recent weeks. Added to this are our progressive preparations for reprisals.

Unfortunately the English raids on Eiseenunde have thrown our preparations back four or even eight weeks, so that we can't possibly count on reprisals before the end of January.

## Rocket Bombs

The Fuehrer places great hopes in rocket bombs. He believes that through them the whole picture as regards England may possibly change.

(Peenemuende was the top secret laboratory and experimental station for rocket bombs. It was located on the Baltic Sea, near Stettin.)

The Fuehrer places great hopes in the fog season which is due in England soon.

Submarine warfare seemed more promising to him. The new gadget for neutralising English radar has proved its worth. Since its introduction there have been no more submarine losses.

The submarines are once again about to sail forth in packs to attack convoys. There isn't sufficient anti-radar equipment as yet, so that returning ships must hand their over for installation in submarines which are starting out. But the new equipment seems satisfactory.

The Fuehrer expects more impressive submarine successes soon. It would be wonderful. The Fuehrer is, generally speaking, extraordinarily optimistic in many respects. To me he seems even too optimistic.

## Peace Feeling

Sooner or later we shall have to face the question of inclining toward one enemy side or the other. Germany has never yet had luck with two-front wars; it won't be able to stand this one in the long run, either.

So far as I am concerned, I am perfectly convinced that the English don't want a Bolshevik Europe in any circumstances, and that if given the choice between a National Socialist and a Bolshevik Europe they would most certainly choose the National Socialist.

At present they still entertain the hope of gaining the mastery of Europe themselves after both the National Socialist Reich and the Soviet Union have bled to death.

## 'I Now Have A Feeling That Our Lucky Streak Is In Again'

Once they realise that this is impossible, and that they have a choice only between Bolshevism or relaxing somewhat towards National Socialism, they will not doubt show an inclination toward a compromise with us.

I am convinced that it would be a good thing for Churchill to be ousted in England. His successor would no doubt be Eden, but Eden is more contaminated by Bolshevik ideology than Churchill.

The only thing certain about this war is that Italy will lose it. The Duce will enter history as the last Roman, but behind him massive figure a glib people has gone to rot. We ought to have realised that sooner.

National Socialism must undergo a renovation. We must link ourselves more socialistically with the people than before.

I pleaded energetically with the Fuehrer to address the German people. He isn't very anxious to speak since he cannot yet make a clear estimate of developments in Italy. But we can't afford to wait.

A small group of us had dinner with the Fuehrer.

## Goering Furious

Goering is furious about the treachery of Italy. He, too, has seen it coming. There isn't anybody among us now who doesn't expect to have foreseen it. Only nobody prepared for it to the necessary extent.

Goering is now somewhat more optimistic about air warfare than he was; in fact, in my opinion somewhat too optimistic.

We chatted until 4 a.m. The Fuehrer had great fun with his dog Blondi, who has become his faithful companion.

It is surprising how much this animal has adjusted himself to him. It is a good thing that the Fuehrer has at least one living thing constantly about him.

September 11: An article in the Economist deserves mention because it claims that the Allies on Berlin are costing the Allies too much. Their losses, thus far, have been so heavy that they could not afford them long. Would it be God that were true?

The Fuehrer intends to transmit to Prince Kyrill the findings of the German doctors on the poisoning of Czar Boris, which he believes was in all likelihood inspired by the Italian Court.

For it is very suspicious that Princess Mafalda, the worst wench in the entire Italian royal house was on a visit in Sofia for weeks before King Boris's death. She is a sister of the Bulgarian Queen.

(Princess Mafalda died in a Nazi prison camp in 1945.) The Italian royal family has scamped away. The Italian Crown Prince has gone to an island.

We monitored a telephone conversation between Churchill and Eden during which Eden complained bitterly that the Crown Prince was creating difficulties for the English. He was unwilling to accept an English officer as his adjutant.

## Rome Surrender

While we were lunching Jodi brought the latest news. The German troops in Rome, the best Guards regiments, has surrendered to Kesselring.

The German troops are marching on Rome. Most of the northern Italian cities are in our hands. Thus the main problems connected with our security in Italy have been solved, but not the long run, either.

The Fuehrer's office more expressed his conviction that Princess Mafalda was the trickiest bitch in the Italian royal house.

He thought her capable of having expedited her brother-in-law Boris to the "hardened". It was also possible that the plutocratic clique administered poison to Mussolini, for Mussolini's illness, too, was somewhat mysterious.

The Fuehrer invoked measures to preclude similar developments with us once and for all. He ordered all German princesses discharged from the German Wehrmacht.

I proposed to the Fuehrer that all the estates of the former ruling families should be seized and the women sent to the Fuehrer's quite in accord with this.

As regards the Duce himself, I believe that from a sentimental point of view it would naturally be most regrettable if we could not liberate him. From a political standpoint, however, I wouldn't much regret it.

## Hatred of Italy

September 12: The hatred of Italy is indescribable. If the King were to fall into our hands it would be difficult not to have him shot, for the German people would demand it.

During the days of the Italian treachery a few enemies of the State in public office and even in the party indulged in loose talk. I will have anybody who says anything of the kind publicly against the war of the Fuehrer either beaten up, sentenced by the courts, or incarcerated in a concentration camp.

September 13: In the evening we heard the happy news that a touz de force the Duce has been successfully liberated. He was an active participant in the part of the S.D. students' parachute troops and the Waffen-S.S. The Duce is already on his way to Rome.

Towards midnight the Fuehrer called me in. He telephoned me and was delighted about the Duce's deliverance.

The Duce had been held prisoner in a small mountain hotel on the highest peak of the Apennines.

The liberation was undertaken with gliders. One of these landed fifty feet in front of the hotel in which the Duce was staying.

Within a few minutes he was free. He was, of course, deeply touched at being rescued from captivity by German soldiers.

Our soldiers proceeded pretty brutally and thereby kept the Italian Carabinieri guards in check.

A few hours later the Duce was in Vienna. Just before calling me the Fuehrer had had a telephone conversation with him.

## Duce Shaken

He told me that the Duce was deeply shaken by developments. He informed the Fuehrer that he was tired and sick and would first of all like to have a long sleep.

We shall soon see whether he is still capable of large-scale political activity. The Fuehrer thinks so.

However, much I may be touched on the human side by the Duce's liberation, I am nevertheless sceptical about its political advantages. With the Duce out of the way we had a chance to win the state clearly in Italy.

Under the leadership of the Duce Italy will attempt to start a national rump government, toward which we shall have obligations in many respects.

A rather distressing prospect! But that's something to worry about only now, now have the feeling that our lucky streak has set in again. But one hardly dares say this openly.

## Sick And Frail?

September 14: Even upon the enemy the effect of the melodramatic deliverance of the Duce is enormous.

Japan, especially, admires the heroic spirit of Germany. The Fascists are pinning all their hopes on the Duce, but I don't know whether these will be fulfilled. The Duce is sick and frail. During the last air raid on Berlin the Fliegerzeugen prison was full; a number of people condemned to death escaped.

September 15: Statements by prisoners of war indicate that morale in the Soviets has improved considerably because of the military successes of the past two months. It's a pity that we can't reach the people of the Soviet Union by radio propaganda. We would have a great chance there.

The Kremlin has been clever enough to prevent the Russian people from receiving broadcasts from the outside world and to limit them to their local stations.

The Duce has arrived at G.H.Q. The Fuehrer awaited him outside his bunker with the Duce's son Vittorio. Hitler and Mussolini embraced.

I suppose there is nobody in the world who can fail to be impressed strongly by so touching an occasion. The Fuehrer then withdrew for a private talk with the Duce.

September 16: The percentage of students of medicine is exceptionally high. Students of medicine enjoy a special position from service with the colour.

The sudden rise in the number of medical students is therefore not only a sign of enthusiasm for the science of medicine, but also of lack of enthusiasm for fighting at the front. The decrease in the number of students in the technical and natural sciences is alarming.

It would be a good thing to extend to students of the natural and technical sciences the same privileges as to those of medicine.

## A Real Swig!

September 18: The Italian defeat has brought us a few advantages after all. We have seized 400,000 tons of Italian commercial shipping. That's a real swig from the bottle!

I saw some sensational news-reels dealing with the liberation of the Duce. The Duce himself appears on the screen for quite a time.

He is in civilian clothes and looks rather dashing. His expression, however, is suffering and exhausted.

To date we have evacuated about a million people from Berlin. That is a tremendous achievement in organisation.

September 20: Our total losses in the East, exclusive of Lapland, from June 22, 1941, to August 31, 1945, were 54,000 dead, of whom 18,512 were officers; 1,998,991 wounded, of whom 51,670 were officers; 354,067 missing (11,597 officers); total, 2,002,438, of whom 81,779 were officers.

It is a curious thing, that although every individual soldier returning from the Eastern Front considers himself personally superior to the Bolshevik soldier, we are still retreating and retreating.

At present I am reading the English novel "How Green Was My Valley." It is very informative about English mentality. I don't believe that England is in any present danger of becoming Bolshevik.

English mentality is anchored too much in the British traditions.

Successful Retreats! September 21: The German evacuation of Salamina. These "successful evacuations" are getting the upper hand with the Axis. I don't believe we shall lose the war. The German evacuation of Salamina. These "successful evacuations" are getting the upper hand with the Axis. I don't believe we shall lose the war.

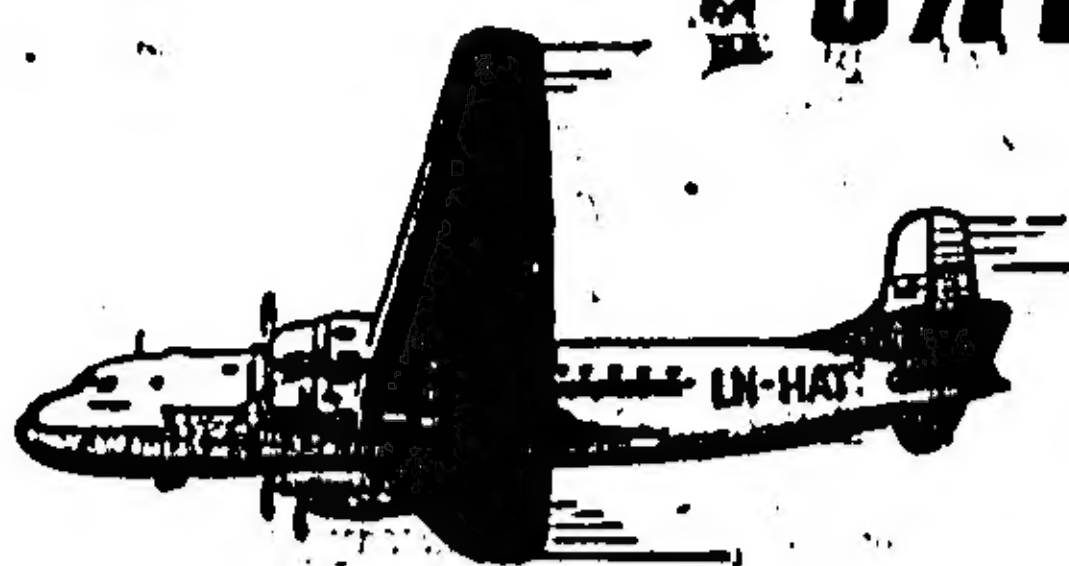
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We were holding a stockholders' meeting and it occurred to me that we hadn't heard the treasurer's report.



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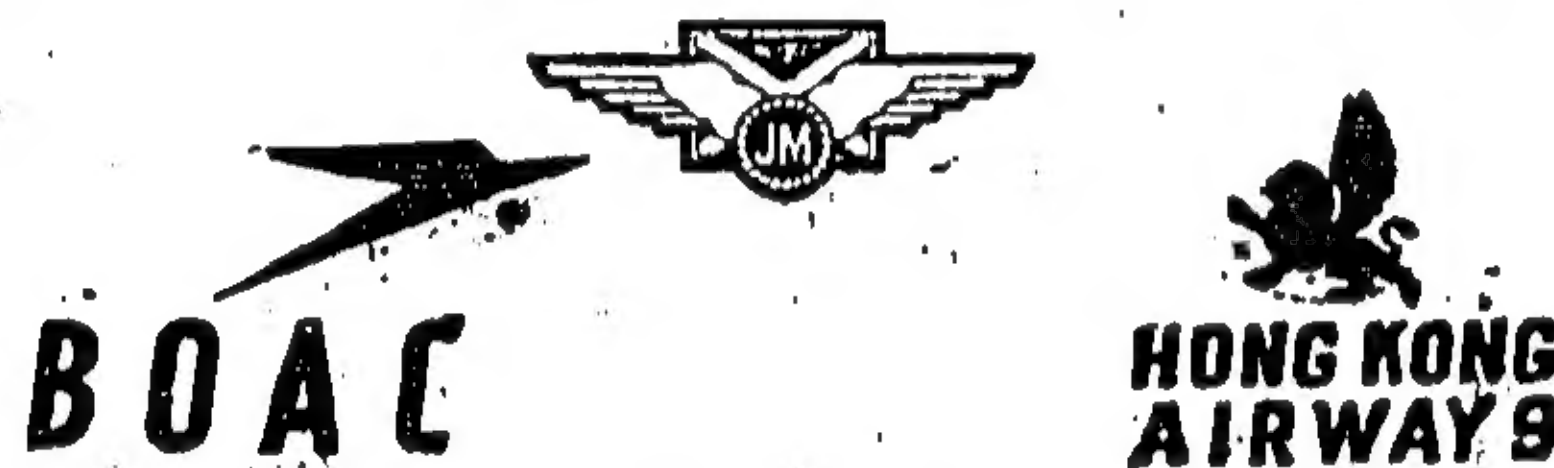
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## CRITICISM OF BRITAIN

### Alleged Lack Of Cooperation With U.N. Urgent Measures Necessary

Lake Success, Apr. 13.

The United Nations Palestine Commission, reporting to the General Assembly today, criticised Britain for alleged lack of cooperation and declared that unless urgent measures were taken immediately Palestine would be thrown into chaos.

The report criticised the British authorities on these main grounds:

Refusing to let the Commission go to Palestine earlier than May 1.

Refusing to have a progressive transfer of authority. Making it impossible for the Commission to organise Arab and Jewish militias in advance.

Taking financial and economic steps without consulting the Commission.

Other factors which made it impossible to implement the Assembly partition plan were given as Arab resistance and the absence of any international force to support the Commission.

The report gave this view of the situation: "The organised effort of Arab elements to prevent the partition of Palestine; the determined efforts of the Jews to ensure the establishment of a Jewish State as envisaged by the Assembly resolution, and the fact that the mandatory power, engaged in the liquidation of its administration and the evacuation of its troops, has found it impossible fully to contain the conflict, have led to a virtual civil war in Palestine, to a steady deterioration in administration and security in the territory, and to the imminence of widespread chaos, starvation, strife and bloodshed on a scale hitherto unknown there."

#### British Policy

The Commission found that the general policy of the mandatory power was to take no measure which might be construed as involving it in an implementation of the Assembly resolution.

The report added: "The refusal of the mandatory power to co-operate in implementing the plan, its rejection of any progressive transfer of authority and the inability of the Commission to be in Palestine, constitute a serious jeopardy to the discharge of the Commission's responsibilities."

On the administrative side, the Commission found that while Jewish Government officials in Palestine were ready to co-operate with it, "there was strong reason to believe that no Arab would be prepared to serve the Commission."

#### Rumanian Assembly's Task

Bucharest, Apr. 13.

The Rumanian Constituent Assembly is today finishing its two-day task of turning the new Republican Constitution into law.

Of the 110 sections in the draft published nine weeks ago, the newly elected deputies adopted 74 yesterday. They are expected to adopt the remainder tonight.

The new constitution puts power in the hands of the Grand National Assembly, elected for a four-year term, with executive power resting in a Council of 19 Ministers.

The text said: "All citizens irrespective of sex, religion, nationality and economic status are equal before the law, have the right to elect, and to be elected to, Government bodies and to work and to education."

The constitution also provides for the nationalisation of mines, transport and oil, and the telegraph, telephone and radio services.

Private property and the right of inheritance are retained but provision is made for the nationalisation of industrial property "when public interest demands."

—Reuter.

#### LABOUR ACT AND COMMUNISTS

Washington, Apr. 13.

A special Federal Court upheld today by the votes of two judges to one the constitutionality of an anti-Communist provision of the Taft-Hartley Labour Act. The section requires that labour union officials must file a sworn statement that they are not Communists if their unions are to make use of the National Labor Relations Board machinery.

The court is expected to be taken to the Supreme Court, the only court which can give a final decision on the constitutionality of the provision.

Willingness to continue in the Civil Service after the termination of the mandate had been expressed so far by 560 Jews, three British and four others. No Arabs had volunteered.

#### Truce Urged

Other points made in the report were: "Unless a truce is negotiated and observed, the ensuing weeks will witness an intensification of the struggle." A force of 1,000 non-Jewish and non-Arab police was required, in addition to local Arab and Jewish police, to maintain order in Jerusalem. The Commission would require at least a battalion for its own protection.

The remainder of the 42-page report was a summary of two previous reports presented to the Security Council.—Reuter.

#### MASSACRE PROTEST

Baghdad, Apr. 13.

Girl law students led 7,000 demonstrators here today in a protest against the Deir Yassin massacre by Jewish terrorists in Palestine last Friday and demanded that troops and planes be sent immediately to help the Palestine Arabs.

It was understood that the Iraq Cabinet had been meeting for almost 48 hours planning assistance, and the Prime Minister, Mohammed Al-Sadr, addressing the demonstrators, said the Government had decided to save Palestine, "whatever the cost."—Reuter.

#### FATE OF POLISH PEOPLE

Washington, Apr. 13.

M. Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, former Premier of the Polish Government in exile in London, told reporters here that President Truman stated to him today he would "never forget the fate of the Polish people."

M. Mikolajczyk called on the President to express thanks to the United States for granting asylum to him and his friends who had been forced out of Poland.

He said he had told President Truman about the "fate and feeling of the Polish people and how they today were longing for freedom."—Reuter.

## Bright Rice Crop Prospects

London, April 14.

"Prospects for the world rice crop this season are encouraging and if large grain harvests are secured in both Europe and North America much of the physical distress caused by the shortage of staple foods will be alleviated," reports the British weekly journal "Economist" in a review of the situation regarding rice production.

"Abundance, however, is still not yet in sight," the journal continues. "The United States Department of Agriculture has estimated world production of rough rice in 1947-48 at 7,036,000,000 bushels. This represents 88 per cent. of the average prewar output but there are many more mouths to feed. Current crop is nearly 150,000,000 bushels larger than in 1946-47 and the greatest gain occurred in Asia where production is gradually recovering from wartime destruction. Both India and Japan, however, are expected to have smaller crops than last season."

#### Exporting Countries

Before the war the major exporting countries in order of importance were Burma, Siam, Indo-China and Korea. Output is expanding in each of these countries but it is well below the prewar level. Although production has increased in those countries which have always depended on imported supplies their requirements are larger than in 1935-39. India's rice crop is now seven per cent. larger than before the war but its import requirements as distinct from actual imports are estimated to have increased by at least five per cent.

"The large exports available this season from Burma, Siam and Indo-China—some 100,000,000 bushels more than in 1946-47—will reduce Asia's demand for grain substitutes but total supplies from these sources will still be 250,000,000 bushels lower than before the war. Production in other areas of the world is also increasing and only in Europe is output below the 1935-39 average."

#### Political Stability

"The great expansion which has taken place in North and South America and Africa will help to swell world rice supplies, but they will still be insufficient to offset smaller crops in the Far East. Asia alone still accounts for 93 per cent. of world production although before the war the proportion was 98 per cent. "Full recovery of rice production in the Far East depends to a large extent on political stability. Acreage is only 98 per cent. of the prewar level and in major exporting countries it is nearer 70 per cent. Lack of internal security, lack of confidence in the currency and lack of consumer goods still play their part in restricting output but at least the general prospect is not so bleak as it was nine months ago. More adequate rice supplies in Asia would do much to improve political conditions there and help indirectly to relieve the world's food shortage."

## Threat To Costa Rica By Rebels

Washington, Apr. 13.

Senor Alvaro Bonilla, acting Foreign Minister of Costa Rica, has asked the Diplomatic Corps of San Jose, capital of Costa Rica, to take the city under its protection against armed insurgent forces advancing upon it. The State Department reported here today.

Government forces are not believed able to hold San Jose.

A house to house defence is expected as the Communist Vanguardia party are issuing urgent calls by radio to all their supporters to gather at the labour union headquarters.

It was also reported that the Vanguardia Party has taken over the telephone headquarters, and is expelling any members of the staff who are not 100 per cent on the Communist side.

Heavy fighting is expected at Carajio, second largest city in the country, and it is stated Limon, on the east coast, has fallen to the insurgents.—Reuter.

## Peiping Teachers' Demand

Peiping, Apr. 14.

The entire faculty of the Peiping National University, in a manifesto addressed to the nation, today asked the Government to punish unruly elements whose activities in recent days "plunged all institutions of higher learning into extreme anxiety over their safety."

The statement criticized the local authorities for laxity which permitted student clashes, destruction of college property and equipment and other acts of vandalism.

It added: "We do not see how the local authorities can be entirely absolved even if they are not directly responsible for these acts."

The professors called on the public and educational circles throughout China to support their demands for adequate protection. They said, "We can no longer keep silent... Acts of violence and bloodshed are repeated ceaselessly."

The professors have called a one-week strike among the faculty to bolster their demands.—United Press.

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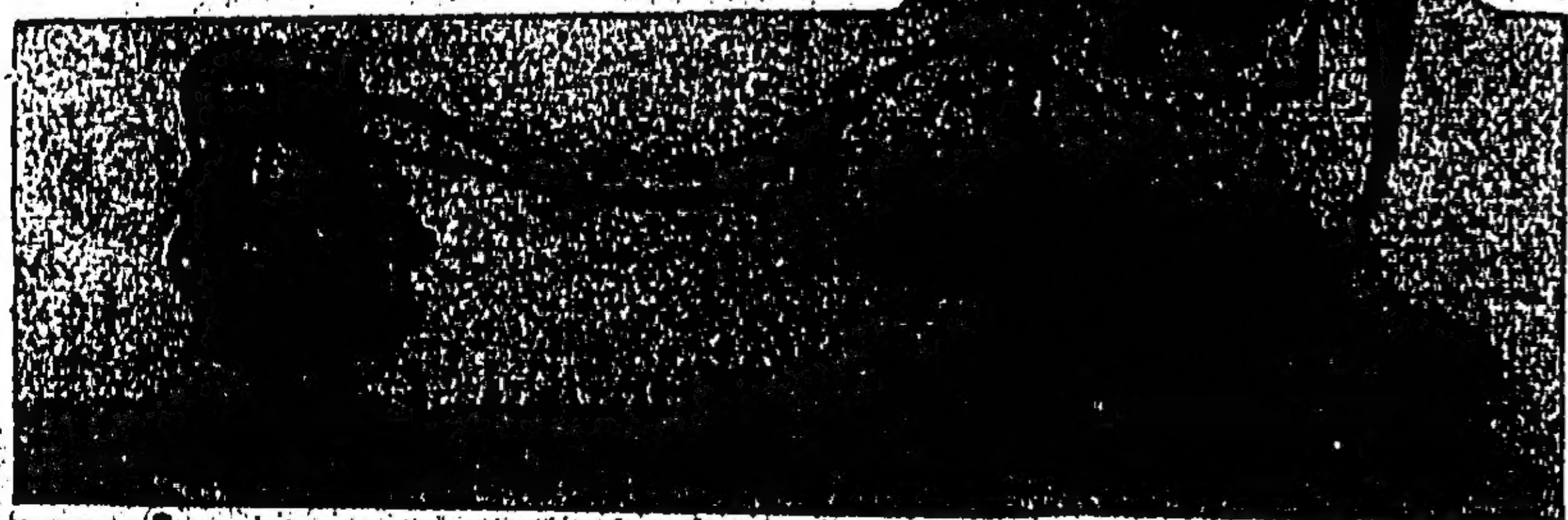
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## ENGINEERING PAGE THE PHYSICS OF ARC WELDING

It has sometimes been said that the high efficiency of many types of electrical machine may be attributed to the fact that the theoretical basis on which they operate is well understood and that their performance and various losses tend themselves to precise measurement. Although outputs of mechanical prime movers and other appliances may be accurately determined, the sorting out of the various influences which affect their efficiency is difficult and sometimes impossible, so that the improvement on earlier days which has now been achieved is mainly based on ad hoc experiment, which, however, has been supported by much theoretical reasoning.

An exception to the superiority, or advantage, of electrical methods in this matter of accurate and selective measurement appears to be furnished by arc welding, as "the physical and chemical terms which define the requirements of a satisfactory weld are, to a large extent, unknown." Arc welding has now established a firm position both as a workshop method and for use in the field, but, despite much theoretical and experimental work, its development appears to have been essentially empirical. It is hardly too much to say that the definition of a good welding method is one that produces a good weld.

This point of view is sustained by a recent technical report, published by the British Electrical and Allied Industries Research Association, from which the quotation in the preceding paragraph has been taken. The report has been prepared in co-operation with the British Welding Research Association. Its contents give an indication of the large amount of experimental work which has been devoted to the problems of arc welding, but are not able to record any generally-accepted opinions about the physical basis of the process. But little consideration is necessary for a realization of the practical difficulties attached to experimental investigation of the matter, particularly in view of the fact that any instrumental procedures which may be adopted for the purposes of observation and measurement may, in themselves, alter the quality of the phenomenon under investigation.

It is clear that the basic factor in arc welding must be the arc, but "little of a fundamental nature is known about the electric arc at atmospheric pressure." As the report is concerned with electric welding as a practical process it does not enter into a consideration of the various theories of the physics of the arc, but as which have been advanced. Its subject is the summarizing of available information on the phenomena peculiar to welding and attention to the more important fields in which further research is desirable.

### A Wide Field

As is pointed out, the conditions under which successful arc welding may be carried out cover a wide field. It may be applied

in the downward, horizontal, vertical and overhead positions; it may be carried out with bare, or dipped, lightly coated and heavily coated electrodes; direct current of either polarity or alternating current may be employed; and it may be utilised with a variety of ferrous and non-ferrous metals. These very varied conditions cannot necessarily be combined at random, but all are aspects of some sphere of practice, and although there must be some fundamental factors basic to the welding process, they have, so far, not been traced amid the widely varied types of procedure which are possible. The report states that there appears to be no one criterion which must be established in all welds. Might it be suggested that the true position is that that criterion has not yet been discovered?

The report is divided into three sections dealing, respectively, with "Transfer of Material in Welding Arcs," "Temperature of Welding Arcs," and "Stability of Welding Arcs." The first of these is concerned with the practical aim of electric welding; the others are incidental conditions of the process. The review of the literature of the subject which is presented appears to establish that some 90 per cent. of the transferred metal comes from the welding rod to the weld in a liquid state and about 10 per cent. as condensation and vapour. Experiment indicates that material traverses the gap either

as large globules falling under gravity, as smaller globules projected from the electrode tip, or as a shower of fine particles or droplets with appreciable velocity. In the first case, a comparatively large quantity of the electrode is melted and the hanging drop is separated from the welding rod every few seconds under the combined action of gravity, the pinch effect and the general turbulence of the arc stream. This type of action usually takes place in an inert atmosphere. Although gravity may be of some effect when large globules are formed, it is clearly not a fundamental factor in transference, since overhead welding is possible. In diatomic gases, the particles are smaller and leave the electrode at the rate of 10 to 20 per second, but the method by which they are propelled is not fully understood. When the welding arc is short, these processes are modified; the molten metal short-circuits the arc and is severed by the pinch effect and drawn into the weld pool by surface tension. The fine shower of particles moving with appreciable velocity is associated with the presence of oxygen or special electrode coatings.

### Wide Variations

In view of the wide variations of practice the function and action of electrode coverings is of interest and importance. The

conclusions of one investigator, which are quoted, are that the purposes of the coverings are to dissolve impurities in the plate and thus act as fluxes; to change the surface tension of the molten metal and thus make the flow more uniform; and increase arc stability by introducing materials which are easily ionised in the arc stream. These effects occur with lightly-coated electrodes. With a heavy covering, additional actions occur.

A reducing or non-oxidising atmosphere is produced around the arc, preventing contamination of the metal in the arc by oxygen and nitrogen in the air; a layer of slag is provided to protect the molten metal in the weld pool; the cup provided around the end of the electrode concentrates and directs the arc; metal may be introduced to alloy with the weld metal; and the sides of the electrode are insulated so that the arc is concentrated at the tip, this action being of importance when welding in a deep V groove.

Among the comments made on these conclusions, in the report, are that the term "non-oxidising" can hardly be applied to gases evolved from a cellulose coating since, at the arc temperatures existing, most of the gas will be dissociated; and further, that oxygen is required for crater formation, which occurs when welding with a heavily-coated rod. The arc, however, behaves similarly to one in an atmosphere of carbon monoxide and hydrogen and the reactions are such that, during the cooling of the molten metal, less oxides and nitrides are finally formed than in the case of the bare rod in air.

### Stability

In connection with the questions of temperature and stability, it is stated that "other things being equal... the stability is dependent on the arc temperature" and that "probably part of the arc stabilising produced by electrode coatings is due to the addition of elements of low ionising potential to the arc column, thereby reducing its temperature."

The measurement of the arc temperature has been carried out by various methods, which include the introduction of a probe into the electric discharge and measurement of the electron current flowing to it; estimation from gas-density measurements, involving knowledge of the composition of the arc gases, which is usually not available; a sound-velocity method in which a high-intensity sound wave is passed through the arc; and pyrometric measurements. Stability in practical welding means that the arc is easy to maintain in spite of continual change in physical conditions.

"Other things being equal... stability is dependent on the arc temperature... high temperature welding arcs tend to be unstable." As the arc is subject to rapid fluctuations, it is suggested that further work is desirable directed to a rapid, and preferably direct, method of measuring temperature, which is probably the fundamental factor in stability.

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Load ratings with jacks down are as follow:-

Jib length	Load	Radius
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60 ft.	7 tons	17 ft.
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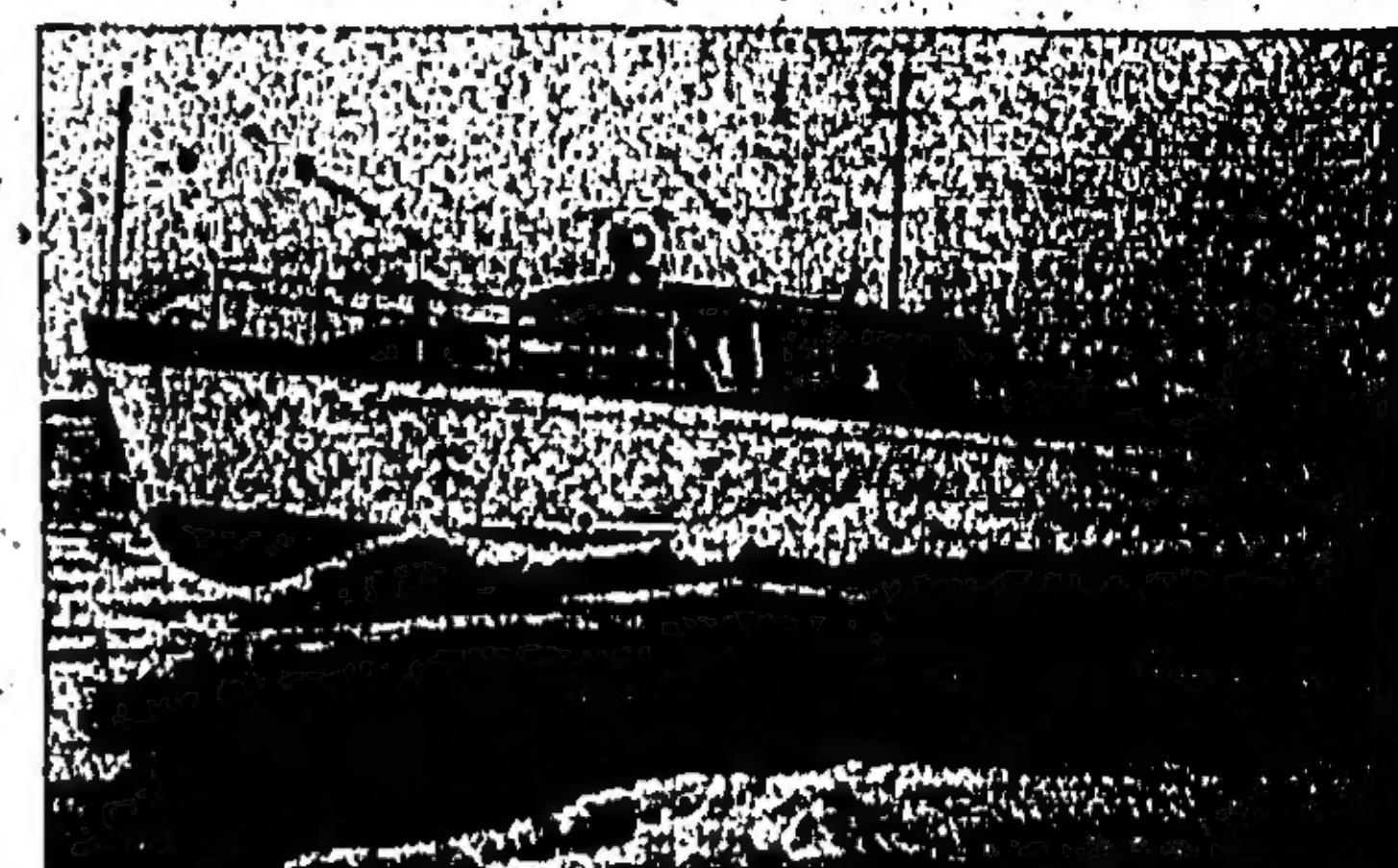
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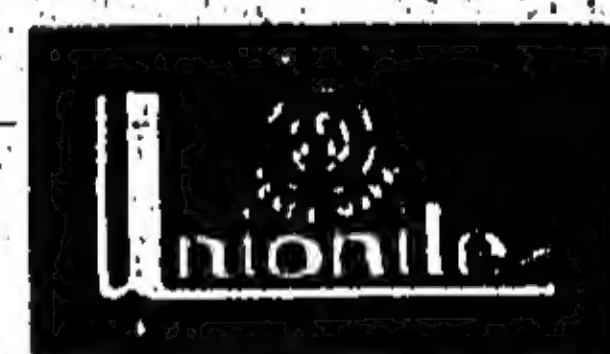
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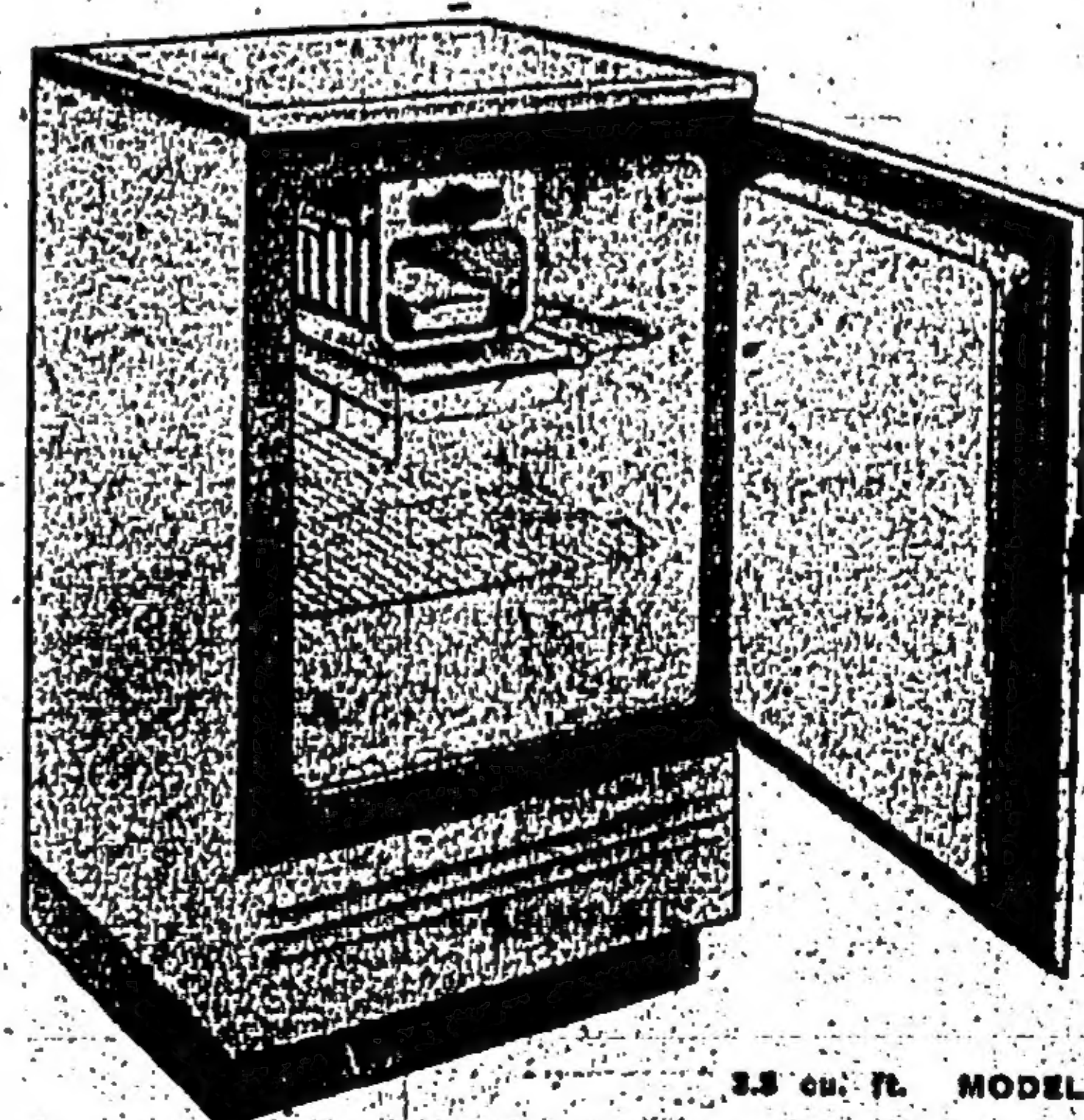
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Big Battle In Palestine  
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-- CrippsLondon, Apr. 13.  
Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, winding up the five-day debate in the House of Commons late tonight on the Budget and the economic position, gave an assurance that there would be no repetition of the special levy on investment income.

"This, so far as I and the Government are concerned, is a once-for-all levy, as I have said before," he declared.

The levy is imposed on a graduated scale on the investment of people with incomes of more than £2,000 a year.

The other points Sir Stafford made were:

The preservation of Britain's reserves at their present level was an absolutely cardinal point in any planning she did now.

Britain must try to bring about at the earliest date a complete balance of her overseas payments.

The surplus for which he had budgeted was a very special thing for this year. It was not something which the Government contemplated having to budget for every year.—Reuter.

Inventors  
To Be  
EncouragedLondon, Apr. 13.  
The government disclosed today plans to set up a £5,000,000 national corporation to encourage inventions "in the public interest."

The corporation will subsidise research, hold the patents on inventions developed with public funds and acquire private inventions considered important to the nation. It will have the right to push inventions which it thinks are not being exploited properly and to make sure that products of British research are not patented by foreigners.

Under the terms of a bill which will be introduced in Parliament the Board of Trade will advance funds up to £5,000,000 during the first five years. Eventually the corporation is expected to pay its own way.—Associated Press

BAGUIO BOMB  
TRAGEDYBaguio, Apr. 14.  
Nine persons, including four children, were killed and a small boy critically injured when a long-buried bomb exploded while being removed.Two houses a few metres away from the scene were damaged. The victims had dug a crater around the bomb, but as they pulled it up the rope snapped and a terrific blast followed, blowing the people around to bits.  
The bomb was an American-made 1,000-pounder.—United PressEngagement On  
Mount Scopus

Jerusalem, Apr. 13.

Forty Jews were killed today when Arabs, Jews and British fought out a three-sided battle on the slopes of Mount Scopus, outside Jerusalem. The British brought up two-pounder guns, machine-guns, Bren carriers and armoured cars, rescued many Jews, took them to hospital and then called a truce with the Arabs to end the six-hours fighting.

The action, one of the hottest Jerusalem has seen, started after Arab mines wrecked the leading vehicles of a small Jewish convoy which tried to take food to the Hadassah Hospital and the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus.

The British intervention is believed to have saved the Jews from an all-out mortar attack.

The Jews called up reinforcements, most of whom were engaged outside the convoy area while the Arabs, firing from rooftops and from behind stone walls and sand-bagged emplacements, rushed up two armoured cars and tins of petrol for a final "firebomb" attack on the stationary vehicles.

Some Jewish reinforcements fought a mortar duel with the Arabs.

## Burning Bodies

Piles of burning bodies, scattered around the blazing wreckage of the Jewish convoy, met the Highland Light Infantry men after they had beaten off ferocious Arab attacks and rescued a score of Jewish survivors.

The bodies of 35 Jews, mostly burning, were counted and more were scattered by the roadside.

## Jewish "Cabinet"

The Jewish Agency today formally announced the formation of a 13-man Cabinet which will form the central structure of the proposed Jewish State in Palestine.

The Cabinet will be composed of 12 Ministers and a Head of the Government.

A Jewish Agency spokesman told a press conference in Jerusalem today that over 50 key appointments would be made in the new Jewish Civil Service.

The spokesman added that the Ministers would take over the Government of Jewish Palestine from May 16, the day after the British authorities are due to give up the mandate over Palestine.

The Ministries set up are: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Interior, Economics and Finance, Immigration, Commerce and Industry, Labour, Agriculture and Fisheries, Public Works and Communications, Justice, Education, Health and Social Welfare.

The spokesman announced the establishment of a national food control system for Jewish Palestine under El Ezer Perelson, Deputy Mayor of Tel Aviv, who would be called the Food Controller.

## Convoy Gets Through

Another food convoy, the biggest yet to run the gauntlet of the Arab blockade of the Holy City—200 vehicles, carrying an estimated 600 tons of food, including special supplies for the Jewish holy festival of Passover

Russia's  
Giant Air  
Force

Washington, Apr. 13.

The United States Secretary of the Air Force, Mr. Stuart Symington, told Congress today the Russian Air Force was bigger than the American and was growing fast.

"The Russians are building 12 times what we are," he said. "The Russian Air Force is many times larger than the American would be even with 70 groups, but we have good planes and better pilots."

Mr. Symington, testifying before the House Armed Services Committee on the Bill to increase the Air Force from 55 to 70 groups, said he was asking for "not a wartime but peacetime force."

The additional groups would require the construction of 1,500 new planes, an increase of personnel from 400,000 to 602,000 men, he said.

The personnel programme should be completed by 1950, and the full 70 groups in operation by 1952.—Reuter.

## "Insincere"

The Jewish Agency's expressions of horror and disgust at the massacre of Arabs in Palestine by Jewish terrorists were described by the Arab Office in London today as "meaningless and insincere."

They were so, it said, because the Jewish Agency was both indirectly and directly responsible for the terrorism in Palestine.

Its policy had encouraged terrorism, it had never done anything to check terrorism or help in apprehending the terrorists.

Referring to the massacre at Deir Yassin, the statement added: "For the Zionists to pretend now that the Irgun atrocity was an act of private enterprise done by their left hand without the knowledge of their right is a sickening piece of hypocrisy."

"A fanatical, aggressive nationalist movement which seeks by force that which does not belong to it by right must, in the end, resort to such methods," the statement added.

"Like Nazism, it will stop short of no horror or bestiality in seeking its end."—Reuter.

## Arab Troops Move

Damascus, Apr. 14.  
The second Arab army for the liberation of Palestine began moving on Tuesday into the Holy Land from Syrian training camps.

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## 42 Dead

Jerusalem, Apr. 13.  
Forty-two persons, including Dr. Haim Yasky, internationally famous director of the American-financed Hadassah Hospital, were reported killed today in an hour-long battle in the Arab Sheikh Jarrah quarter of Jerusalem.

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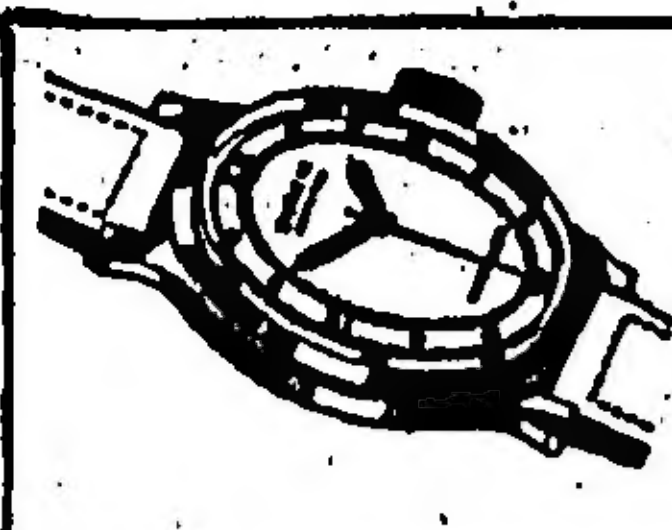












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## Unusual Death Of Sailor

A somewhat rare case was investigated by Coroner W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when an inquest was held into the death of A.B. James Thomas Wright (20), H.M.S. Alert, on Feb. 6.

Det. Inspector T. J. Hemsley appeared for the Police, while Lt. Scovell (H.M.S. Alert) watched the proceedings on behalf of the ship.

AB J. H. Boston, ship-mate of deceased, testified that he crossed over to Kowloon with Wright at 7 p.m. on Feb. 5 and, after purchasing two bottles of "Rogers" gin and a bottle of lime juice from the Tai Wo Comproder, went to the Star Cabaret where they began drinking.

By 8.30 p.m. Wright, he said, was so drunk that he rolled off

his seat and had to be assisted back by witness who later went over to the Queen's Bar and asked Leading-Cook Sharp to help him with deceased.

### To Y.M.C.A.

Returning to the Star Cabaret, witness and Sharpe helped Wright down into the street and put him in a rickshaw which, followed by witness, proceeded to the Y.M.C.A. There he put Wright down on a couch in the lounge and, after taking off his friend's clothes, went out again.

When he returned to the "Y" about 12.15 a.m. on Feb. 6, he found Wright in the same face-down position as he had left him. As something appeared to be wrong with his friend he told the watchman of the "Y" to telephone a doctor. The telephone call was made, Mr. Ingram, who came down shortly afterwards and was told by witness that Wright was very sick.

A short time after that concluded witness, the RAF Police arrived and took Wright to Whitfield Barracks, RAMC, said that, in response to a telephone message at 1.15 a.m. on Feb. 6, he went down to the Guard House of Whitfield Barracks where he examined a sailor and found him to be dead. The man died of asphyxiation about half an hour before being seen by witness.

### Autopsy

Dr. R. E. Alvarez testified to holding an autopsy on deceased on Feb. 6 and to finding, externally, the pupils dilated, marked cyanosis of the lips and nails, and slight bruising on the left elbow and left hip.

Internally, said Dr. Alvarez, he found marked congestion of all the internal organs. The stomach contained a thick brownish fluid which had a strong smell of alcohol. The same type of fluid was found in the wind-pipe and both lungs. There was no evidence of disease.

The stomach, its contents and sections of the internal organs were sent, together with specimens of the blood and urine, to the Government Chemist for toxicological examination. The report showed that deceased must have been extremely drunk.

Mr. A. W. Ingram, manager of the "Y", testified to having been told of the presence of a drunken sailor or the couch in the lounge when he returned at 11.45 p.m. on Feb. 5. He told the watchman to let the man sleep and to obtain further information respecting his ship when he awoke.

At 12.45 a.m. he was awakened by the lift boy and told that the sailor was very sick. He went down and looked at the sailor. When he went to the telephone he found that he was already on the way to the RAF Police who told him the man was dead.

Before he could put the telephone down, the RAF Police arrived.

Witness stated that his instructions to the staff were to let all drunken servicemen to stay to sober up and to try to help them to get back to their units in time.

The Coroner expressed the view that it was advisable to notify the RAF Police in all cases of servicemen being drunk and incapable.

Verdict of Accidental Death was returned.

The conviction of appellants for obtaining money by menaces was upheld but the prison sentences were reduced.

First and second appellants, So Kain and So Yau, represented by Mr. C.A.S. Ruse, originally sentenced to two years each, had their term reduced to nine months.

Third, fourth and fifth appellants (Mo Hung-wai, Lau Chi-ling and Wang Wah-chung) serving 21 months, 16 months and 15 months respectively, all had their sentences reduced to four months. They were represented by Mr. A. el Arculli.

## Murder By Persons Unknown

A verdict of "Murder by some persons unknown" was returned by Coroner W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday at the conclusion of an inquest into the death of Lau Koon-lin, 20, blacksmith, who died at the Kowloon Hospital on Jan. 7 from gunshot wounds.

Deceased, said Div. Supt. Charles Mottram, in a statement made at the Kowloon Hospital on Dec. 28 last, said that he lived at an unnumbered hut at Talpo Road, and that he was returning to his hut at 8 p.m. on Dec. 23 when he was held up by three men armed with a revolver.

He had just purchased a pair of canvas shoes and when one of the robbers shot him.

He was admitted to Kowloon Hospital that same night, said Dr. Au Wai-man, suffering from gunshot wounds in the stomach.

An immediate operation was performed by Dr. Griffiths but the patient did not respond to treatment and died on Jan. 7.

An autopsy was performed by Dr. Griffiths on the following day, said witness. Death, in the opinion of that medical officer, was due to general peritonitis, toxæmia and cardiac failure.

Det. Sub-Inspector C. Downman appeared for the Police.

## Triad Society Conviction Quashed

A conviction recorded against five alleged members of a triad society by Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central Magistracy on Dec. 21, 1947, was, on appeal before the Chief Justice Mr. E. Williams yesterday, quashed on the ground of unsatisfactory evidence and also on the ground that the magistrate, in imposing a sentence of more than the maximum period of six months for being a member of an unlawful society, had exceeded his jurisdiction.

The Chief Justice said the ordinance extending the power of magistrates did not extend to the ordinance relating to unlawful societies.

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## Today's Football

Eastern, senior shield finalists, play their last League game this season at Caroline Hill where they meet Royal Air Force at 5 p.m.

Tomorrow, South China play Police at Caroline Hill at 5 p.m. The first game was called off owing to the presence of glass on the ground following some school sports. Police were then leading by two clear goals.

## Sing Tao Win 4-1

Sing Tao were easy winners of a very ordinary game at Sook-poo yesterday afternoon when they beat Inniskillings 4-1.

It was only lack of finish that kept the Sing Tao goal intact until the last few minutes. Following a penalty against the soldiers, which was converted, the Army managed to get the ball in the net by taking it straight down from the goal-keeping centre and more or less bluffing their way through.

Fung King-cheung was the first forward to get a shot in and he fired right over the bar. Play was soon at the other end and Hannan got a good pass slipped through to him. He cut in very neatly but put his shot right at Yau, who had no difficulty in holding and clearing. After seven minutes, Fung King-cheung took a long drive at goal. Hirst was not able to see it soon enough and Sing Tao were one goal up.

Not content with a two-goal lead, Sing Tao continued pressing after the restart and Hirst was called upon to deal with a fine shot by Ho. The centre-forward was again in the picture with a fine solo run his shot shook the upright. Then he had an almost identical run which this time produced a goal.

Sing Tao further increased their lead when they converted a penalty but they got a shock when the Army took the ball straight down to get a consolation goal less than a minute afterwards.

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## Ip Koon-Hung In Semi-Finals

The stands at the Hong Kong Cricket Club were packed yesterday when Ip Koon-hung, the Colony Singles Tennis champion, entered the semi-final, beating Tsui Yun-pui 6-3, 10-8.

Ip won the first set comparatively easily but in the second Tsui put up a spirited display and had he covered the court more he might have won the second set. Tsui was very good with his service and in one game "aced" three times.

Ip showed good anticipation, covered the court well and was deadly with his overhead play. At the net he was also good. His youth stood him in good stead and he often retrieved some difficult shots.

Tsui was leading at one time in the second set by 5-3. Ip won the next three games in succession but by the score 6-5 in his favour. A great struggle ensued. Tsui won the next two games to lead 7-5, but Ip won the next game at 8-7. Tsui was not beaten and tied the score at 8-8. Ip won the next two, the last on his service.

Stamina counted greatly in the game between H.D. Ruml-jahn and R. Sagalen in another quarter-final when Sagalen won by 5-7, 6-4 and 6-0.

Ruml-jahn did well to win the first set by 7-5 but with Sagalen going for every ball and returning most of them he was kept on the run and at the time Ruml-jahn was down 2-5. He staged a recovery to bring the score to 3-4 but lost the next game on Sagalen's service.

The last set saw a tired Ruml-jahn struggling against his younger opponent who, in addition to showing his fitness, gave a good display.

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## Court Told Of Inquiry Into S'hai Savings Bank

### He Tried To Make Amends

"He assisted the police in every possible way. He went to Macao, got the money out of the bank and returned to Hong Kong and the full amount has been recovered," said Insp. Percy Lowe at Central Magistracy yesterday when Ho Kwok, a cook at the Helena May Institute, appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada on a charge of larceny by bailie of \$6,000 and one tael of gold, the property of his brother-in-law, Ho Choi.

Defendant pleaded "Guilty" and had nothing to say.

Insp. Lowe said that defendant's brother-in-law had come to live with him and gave him the money to keep as he was afraid of losing it. Defendant was tempted and went to Macao, taking the money with him and putting it in the bank.

His brother-in-law informed the police that his brother had left the Colony with the money.

After being in Macao a short while accused thought that his brother-in-law would be disappointed in him because he had gone away with the money. He came back to Hong Kong and informed his brother that he would give him his money back and to try and keep it out of the police hands. The police arrived on the scene and arrested defendant.

After being in prison on remand for 14 days he was let out on bail. He went to Macao and brought the money back to the Police.

Mr. d'Almada, imposing a fine of \$500, told accused that he was taking a lenient view of the case because he had come back of his own accord and because he had assisted the police.

The money was returned to complainant.

Three men armed with shot guns entered the house occupied by Tang Ho-yu at Sun Village, Sha-tau-ko, at 11 p.m. on April 10, robbed him of \$4,000, a metal wristwatch valued at \$250, and a 12 inch gold finger ring. They then blindfolded Tang and led him up to a pillbox on the hill overlooking Choi Yuen Kok, and demanded \$10,000 from him as ransom. Tang escaped yesterday and reported the incident to the Police.

Defendant, continued Mr. Bond, had caused quite a lot of trouble and the Commissioner for Labour had instructed him to press for a heavy fine.

When defendant pleaded that he had been informed by a Lady Inspector that by dismantling the gas appliances on the premises they would not come under the category of a workshop, Mr. Bond pointed out that over 20 workers were employed on the floor which brought it under the definition of a workshop.

On the contract for advances against documentary bills (Exhibit 9), witness identified fugitive's signature and the two guarantors as the Far Eastern Knitting Factory and the Shing Cheung Co. He did not investigate it.

Mr. Lonsdale told the Court that he would call another witness to deal with the second part of the investigations, dealing with drafts purchased by the Postal Bank.

Referring to the documentary loans (Exhibits H1, H2, H3), witness said he examined H3 personally in Shanghai, and found that the consignors and consignees given were fictitious. He could not find any trace of them.

Exhibit 4 referred to the statement of a workshop, H2, in them, the total indebtedness of the Transocean Company, Pang said, was CN\$9,677,000. His investigation revealed

On Feb. 27, inquiries were instituted by the Medical Department as the result of the death of a woman in childbirth at the Kwong Wah Hospital.

A visit was made to 99/101 Temple Street, first floor, where five ordinary wooden beds, resting on trestles, were found. An expectant mother was occupying one of the beds.

On April 12, the Police looked into the matter with the result that an inquiry was made by the Medical authorities, said the premises for \$2,800 to a qualified midwife. Defendant did apply for registration but it was refused as the place then was not fit for such a purpose.

Mr. Latimer said that he had taken a serious view of the case and imposed fines totalling \$450 on accused.

An unknown Chinese male, aged about 20 years, either fell or jumped over the wall of the "Ka" while he was on his way to Hong Kong from Shamshuipo at 3.30 p.m. yesterday. Despite a search of seven 15 minutes, the body was not recovered.

The forthcoming wedding of Alexander James Alfred Clark, 27, St. Joseph's Villa, Shamshuipo, to Mary Ann, daughter of Mr. Donald Ross, was held at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ross, at 10, Wai Yee Street, Shamshuipo, on Wednesday last.

The wedding was officiated by Rev. Fr. John, and was attended by a large number of guests.

The bride and groom were accompanied by their families and friends.

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## Fang Chien-piao, chief auditor of the Chinese Government-controlled Postal Remittances and Savings Bank, Shanghai, related to the Court at Central Magistracy yesterday his investigations into transactions of the Shanghai office during 1947 in his testimony against Hsu Chich-weng, alias Chu Kai-chong, who is facing extradition proceedings on a charge of defrauding the Chinese Government of CN\$2,850,000,000.

Witness was put into the box by Mr. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, who is prosecuting. Mr. Peter Sin is sitting for the Chinese Government. Chief Inspector W. W. Williamson is assisting the prosecution.

Representing the former director-general, who was given a record bail of HK\$5,000,000 but is in gaol custody, is the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, instructed by Mr. Marcus da Silva.

Fang told the Court that he knew the fugitive first as the deputy director-general of the Postal Bank, where he (witness) had worked for 20 years. The fugitive was subsequently made director-general, Pang said, and in May, 1947, he resigned.

In 1947, witness continued, he went down to Shanghai to investigate certain transactions. He inquired into three things, witness said. Firstly, dealings between the Bank and Powell and Sons, Ltd., in respect of American currency; secondly, purchasing bills between the Bank and the Ba Chuen Bank (Western Bank); and thirdly, documentary loans wherein the Transocean Company was responsible for security.

Pang said he began his investigations in June 20, 1947, into the outstanding indebtedness of Powell and Sons, Ltd., with the Postal Bank, which was then US\$175,250.02. He had seen receipt received by Ng Ka-chung, chief of the Cashier Department of the Bank, from Powell and Sons in respect of having received from the company US\$500,000 and US\$260,000 worth of Victory Bonds. There was an endorsement on it by Ng, witness said, which stated that the bonds were not complete—and that he did not find any other security in the Bank against the loan.

At first, witness related, he was not clear about transactions being made against deposits of American currency and American bonds, but later he found out that it was irregular, adding that there was a Government decree which forbade the use of foreign exchange as security.

Powell & Sons

Pang recognised the signature of the fugitive on Exhibit C, the contract for the sale of surplus property, which he had seen in the course of his investigation. It was handed to him by Mr. Peng-hing, Foreign Exchange Department official.

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## Home Soccer Notes

(By "ALCYDES")

With the First Division Championship as good as won, attention is focussed on the struggle for the right to accompany Birmingham up to the First Division. Southampton, who conceded two home points to Plymouth last Saturday, must have said goodbye to championship hopes because they are now six points behind Newcastle, with but one game in hand.

The Northerners have collected 49 points from 38 games. Sheffield Wednesday have the same number of points from 39 games. If the Tynesiders drop a couple of points, two First Division teams.

The Third Division races came no nearer to solution last Saturday because both leaders crashed. Orient surprised the football world by winning at Shepherd's Bush, while Crewe got three goals without reply against Lincoln.

As things stand, Crewe must fancy their chances because Rangers are due down south while the outsiders also have a home game with Norwich and a visit to lowly Bristol Rovers.

Up North, where Rotherham assumed leadership by a 2-1 mid-week victory over Mansfield, the situation is much the same as there will be Rotherham-Lincoln clash on Cup Final Day. Rotherham's other two games are at Southampton and Accrington.

It does not look as if we shall know the winners until the last match of the season and it is quite possible that Bournemouth and Rotherham will yet make the grade.

The struggle to avoid relegation is as intense as ever, except for downed Grimsby, and any of the five other lowly-placed teams can go down. One or two